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## **CHP Investigates Collision Involving a Vehicle Versus Bicycle**

On August 18, 2011, at approximately 4:05 p.m., 70-year-old Jean Gustafson of Mill Valley was driving a 1997 Toyota Camry, eastbound SR-131, just east of US-101, in the #2 lane (right lane). As Gustafson approached the on-ramp for northbound US-101, she allowed the Toyota to drift to the right, directly into the path of a bicyclist traveling eastbound on the right shoulder. The collision caused the bicyclist, 52-year-old Ramon Ponce of San Francisco, to be ejected from his bike and come to rest on the roadway, to the rear of the Toyota.

As a result of the collision, Ponce sustained moderate injuries to his left side. Ponce was transported to Marin General Hospital by Southern Marin Fire Department for treatment of his injuries.

The #2 lane (right lane) of SR-131 was blocked by emergency crews for approximately 15 minutes. This resulted in traffic being backed up along East Blithedale Avenue into Mill Valley.

This is a preliminary report.

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